Mr. President: We have to supply only up to a particular quantity. It is far below this 56 thouand gallons. It is only 50 thousand gallons per day. In the interests of Mattancheri and Ernakulam and in view of the fact that we have got only a limited quantity of water at our disposal, we limited our obligation to the Harbour authorities and we have fixed it only at 50 thousand gallons per day.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is it not possible for the Government to get another pipe line put? Would the Government be pleased to state its attitude about this? There has been some agitation in the papers also with regard to this matter.

WILLINGDON ISLAND—EXTENT OF LAND AVAILABLE FOR OCCUPATION

479. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)* : Will the Government be pleased to inform.—

(*a*) (*i*) the extent of land available for private occupation in the Willingdon Island ;

(*ii*) the conditions and tenures on which occupation of land will be allowed ;

(*b*) will the Government be pleased to give a list of employees in the superior services of the Harbour and Port that work in the offices of (*i*) The Harbour Engineer-in-Chief and Administrative Officer, (*ii*) The Executive Engineer and other officers under the Harbour Engineer-in-Chief and Administrative Officer ; and (*iii*) The Port Office, and Customs on the Willingdon Island, as on the 1st of December 1939, or as on the 1st of January 1940.

(*c*) of the men employed, will the Government be pleased to ascertain and inform how many are subjects of His Highness the Maharaja of Cochin, with the pay, salary, and allowance drawn by each of them ;

(*d*) will the Government be pleased to give a list of Employees in the Harbour and Port, and Custom Services on the Willingdon Island. who pay any income-tax to the State?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) The proposals regarding the letting of lands on the Willingdon Island are only under consideration and the information asked for cannot now be given.

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(*b*) & (*c*) There are altogether 107 employees in the superior service of the Cochin Harbour. Of these, 31 are Cochinites. Government do not consider it necessary or desirable to give any further details.

(*d*) The information cannot be divulged as all matters concerning income-tax assessments are confidential *(vide section 56 of the Income-tax Act).*

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know, Sir, with reference to answers to sub-divisions (*b*) and (*c*) whether the Government be pleased to state the highest pay that Cochinities get in the Harbour?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I cannot tell you that without notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know what is the harm in divulging the information as to the extent that is available for disposal?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* This matter is only being considered.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* We want to have an idea of the extent, so that the public also may know it.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Yes, the public will certainly know when the Harbour authorities have finally decided this matter. Some lands may be available for private occupations. There will be public notices in this matter.

Mr. President: We have no control over it at all. Because it is their property. It is a matter left to the Harbour authorities. They have not decided what proportion they should reserve for themselves and what proportion to the public.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder (*Nominated):* Are they subjected to Income-tax by our State?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. President: They pay income-tax even now.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I thought that there was a limited extent of land under the Government. We have disposed of only a portion to the Harbour Authorities and the rest is at our disposal.

Mr. President: We have disposed of everything. We have ownership over only about 100 acres and that we have leased out to them. So the whole island now belongs to the Harbour authorities.

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Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether the persons who are employed there and whose income is over Rs. 2,000, are all assessed.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. President: Yes they are all assessed.

MOSQUITOES AND PUBLIC HEALTH IN MATTANCHERI

480. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the amount of money spent in the mosquito campaign either by the Municipality or by the Public Health Department in 1114 and 1115 respectively in Mattancheri;

(*b*) the results of the investigation and campaign so far obtained;

(*c*) the cost of the rats campaign in Mattancheri in 1114 and 1115?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

	1114	*1115*
(*a*) Mattancheri Municipality	Rs. 510—3—0	647—8—0
Public Health Department	do.	do.

(*b*) The results of the mosquito campaign so far as the stegomyia control is concerned has been successful since the stegomyia index could be reduced from about 60 per cent in the beginning to about 20 per cent now.

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(*c*) Mattancheri Municipality	Rs. 230—5—0	171—5—0.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* With reference to answer to sub-division (*a*) am I to understand that the Public Health Department also spent an identical amount for this purpose?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes. Half and half.

Mr. President: They have also spent an identical amount.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is the Public Health Department to spend the whole amount?

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